

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

## IN RE RICKIE HILL CASES

2:20-cv-00684-APG-NJK  
2:20-cv-01569-RFB-NJK  
2:20-cv-01608-KJD-EJY  
2:20-cv-01655-KJD-DJA  
2:20-cv-01686-JAD-DJA  
2:20-cv-01687-RFB-EJY  
2:20-cv-01717-JAD-DJA  
2:20-cv-01807-GMN-DJA  
2:20-cv-01822-RFB-VCF  
2:20-cv-01868-JAD-VCF  
2:20-cv-02361-JAD-DJA  
2:21-cv-00145-GMN-DJA  
2:21-cv-00240-RFB-DJA  
2:21-cv-00997-RFB-DJA  
2:21-cv-01002-GMN-DJA  
2:21-cv-01020-GMN-NJK  
2:21-cv-01027-GMN-NJK  
2:21-cv-01061-RFB-DJA  
2:21-cv-01103-GMN-DJA  
2:21-cv-01361-APG-DJA  
2:21-cv-01362-APG-VCF  
2:21-cv-01371-APG-EJY  
2:21-cv-01375-GMN-VCF  
2:21-cv-01516-APG-DJA  
2:21-cv-01677-APG-BNW  
2:21-cv-01679-JAD-DJA  
2:21-cv-01698-APG-BNW  
2:21-cv-01700-RFB-BNW  
2:21-cv-01741-JAD-EJY  
2:21-cv-01760-JAD-EJY  
2:21-cv-01821-GMN-NJK  
2:21-cv-01878-GMN-NJK  
2:21-cv-01888-GMN-NJK  
2:21-cv-01922-RFB-DJA  
2:21-cv-01924-APG-VCF  
3:20-cv-00495-MMD-CSD  
3:20-cv-00548-RFB-CSD

## **ORDER SETTING GLOBAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

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2 Pro se plaintiff and High Desert State Prison inmate Rickie Hill has 37 prisoner-litigation  
3 civil-rights matters pending in this court as identified in the caption and further described in  
4 Exhibit A (“the Hill cases”). A brief review of these actions reveals that all of the Hill cases  
5 generally fall into two categories: (1) alleged improper sexual conduct by Nevada Department of  
6 Corrections (NDOC) staff and (2) miscellaneous other civil-rights violations by NDOC staff. In  
7 several of these matters, Hill has filed a request for a global settlement conference on all of his  
8 pending cases.<sup>1</sup> The Nevada Attorney General’s Office, which represents NDOC defendants,  
9 has indicated that it opposes a piecemeal settlement-conference process on the Hill cases but  
10 would be amenable to a global one.<sup>2</sup>

11 The judges assigned to the Hill cases find that a global settlement conference is  
12 appropriate for these 37 cases and will be an efficient use of the court's limited resources. The  
13 court also finds that the appointment of Travis Barrick, Esq. as counsel for Hill for the limited  
14 purpose of serving as his counsel for this global settlement conference and any tasks specifically  
15 related to or arising out of that conference will serve the interests of justice and is warranted.

16 | Accordingly,

- A global settlement conference will be held on the Hill cases at a time and date to later be set by the settlement judge in a subsequent order, and **the court appoints Retired Magistrate Judge Valerie Cooke as the settlement judge** for this limited proceeding and all matters related to it. The settlement judge may provide further instruction for this conference.

<sup>23</sup> *See, e.g.*, 2:20-cv-00684-APG-NJK at ECF No. 26, and 2:20-cv-01822-RFB-VCF at ECF No. 15.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., 2:20-cv-01717-JAD-DJA at ECF No. 7, and 2:20-cv-01807-GMN-DJA at ECF No. 7.

- 1     • The Honorable Retired Magistrate Judge Valerie Cooke is authorized by the Court  
2         to do the following:
  - 3             ◦ Conduct telephonic conferences at any time prior to the date set for the  
4                 global settlement. The settlement judge may contact the parties to arrange  
5                 an informal telephone conference to discuss any issues concerning the  
6                 mediation. The telephonic conference is confidential and will not be  
7                 recorded or reported on the record. Communications made during or in  
8                 furtherance of this settlement conference are generally not admissible. *See*  
9                 Fed. R. Evid. 408. No transcript of the telephonic conference will be  
10                 prepared.
  - 11             ◦ Request additional information and documents concerning the case at any  
12                 time prior to or during the settlement conference.
- 13     • A separate order scheduling the settlement conference will be forthcoming. It will  
14         include the time, date, and specific location of the settlement conference. That  
15         order will also address settlement conference briefs and the deadlines by which  
16         parties must submit their briefs. The settlement conference will be conducted in  
17         person and will be held at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas,  
18         Nevada.
- 19     • Counsel representing any defendant who has appeared in any of the Hill cases must  
20         be present at the settlement conference, along with (1) the Director of the NDOC  
21         and (2) any other necessary representative of the NDOC or the State of Nevada who  
22         has binding authority to enter into a binding global settlement agreement with  
23         respect to all the Hill cases.

- 1     • Plaintiff Rickie Hill is ORDERED to be present in person for the global settlement  
2         conference, and the NDOC must make all transportation and travel arrangements  
3         necessary to ensure his presence for the global settlement conference.
- 4     • All parties, representatives, and counsel must be present for the full duration of the  
5         global settlement conference and must be available for the entire day.
- 6     • **Travis Barrick, Esq. is appointed as counsel for Hill** for the limited purpose of  
7         serving as his counsel for this global settlement conference and any tasks  
8         specifically related to or arising out of that conference.
- 9     • **All of the Hill cases ARE STAYED** for all purposes pending the completion of the  
10         global settlement conference and any deadlines in these cases are tolled. No  
11         documents may be filed in any of the Hill cases during this stay, save for any  
12         necessary emergency motions for injunctive relief.
- 13     • **These pending motions are DENIED** as moot:
  - 14         ▪ 2:20-cv-01717-JAD-DJA, ECF No. 7 (Motion for Relief from Early  
15             Neutral Evaluation);
  - 16         ▪ 2:20-cv-01807-GMN-DJA, ECF No. 7 (Motion for Relief from Early  
17             Neutral Evaluation);
  - 18         ▪ 2:20-cv-01822-RFB-VCF, ECF No. 15 (Motion for Global Settlement  
19             Conference).

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1     • Additionally, **the following motions are DENIED without prejudice** to their  
2         refiling in the event that the global settlement conference does not result in  
3         settlement:  
4             ▪ Motions to acquire proof of service and for appointment of counsel [ECF  
5                 **Nos. 10, 11] in 2:20-cv-1608-KJD-EJY;**  
6             ▪ Motion for summary judgment [ECF No. 18] in 2:20-cv-1686-JAD-DJA;  
7             ▪ Motions for summary judgment, to strike, for extension of time and to  
8                 appoint counsel, for a meet-and-confer conference, and for leave to file  
9                 excess pages [ECF Nos. 17, 18, 20, 22, 24] in 2:20-cv-1868-JAD-VCF;  
10                 and  
11             ▪ Motions for summary judgment and meet-and-confer conference [ECF  
12                 **Nos. 11, 13] in 2:21-cv-1027-GMN-NJK.**

13     **IT IS SO ORDERED** this 2nd day of March, 2022.

14             U.S. District Judge Richard F. Boulware

15             U.S. District Judge Kent J. Dawson

16             U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey

17             U.S. District Judge Miranda M. Du

18             U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon

19             U.S. District Judge Gloria M. Navarro

**The Hill Cases**

Case Number	Defendants	Attorney General Served?
2:20-cv-00684-APG-NJK	Douglas R. Rands; Aaron Ford	Yes
2:20-cv-01569-RFB-NJK	Ruiz; Leong; C. Shepard	No
2:20-cv-01608-KJD-EJY	Brandon Marcano; Ruiz	Yes
2:20-cv-01655-KJD-DJA	Harper	Yes
	Brandon Marcano; Dwayne Matos; Alexander Deyro; Eric Allen	Yes
2:20-cv-01687-RFB-EJY	Spry; Calvin Johnson; E.A. Thompson;	No
2:20-cv-01717-JAD-DJA	Marciano; Wuest	Yes
2:20-cv-01807-GMN-DJA	C. Carmona; Jesus Ruiz	Yes
	Darrell Christian; Marilyn Villatoro; Frank Lopez; Joe Alvarez-Perez; Homer Palalay; Ellsworth Thompson; Dwayne Matos; Jesus Ruiz; Matthew Leong;	
2:20-cv-01822-RFB-VCF	Calvin Johnson	Yes
2:20-cv-01868-JAD-VCF	Daniel Rhude; Jesus Ruiz	Yes
2:20-cv-02361-JAD-DJA	D. Rodriguez, Jr.	Yes
2:21-cv-00145-GMN-DJA	Juan Lima/Alan Lima	Yes
2:21-cv-00240-RFB-DJA	D. Striplin; Allen; Frank Lopez	No
2:21-cv-00997-RFB-DJA	Jackson; Nakatani	No
2:21-cv-01002-GMN-DJA	Concepcion Rojastro	Yes
2:21-cv-01020-GMN-NJK	Amirkhani	No
2:21-cv-01027-GMN-NJK	Jarret Vandine	Yes
2:21-cv-01061-RFB-DJA	William Gittere	No
2:21-cv-01103-GMN-DJA	Tasheena Sandoval	No
2:21-cv-01361-APG-DJA	Lundgren	Yes
2:21-cv-01362-APG-VCF	T. Struck; J. Ruiz ; E. Thompson	No
2:21-cv-01371-APG-EJY	J. Pope; Carter; R. Lopez; Valdez	Yes
2:21-cv-01375-GMN-VCF	Keith McKeahan	No
2:21-cv-01516-APG-DJA	Hernandez; A. Flores; Ronald Oliver	No
2:21-cv-01677-APG-BNW	Array; Matos; A. Kaura	Yes
2:21-cv-01679-JAD-DJA	Nichols; Prevost; Collins	No
2:21-cv-01698-APG-BNW	Pryten	No
2:21-cv-01700-RFB-BNW	R. Meyers; T. Johnson	No
	Deborah Striplin; Marilyn Villatoro; B. Yeats	No
2:21-cv-01741-JAD-EJY	Michael Stewart; G. Santos; Avila	Yes
2:21-cv-01821-GMN-NJK	Brooks	No
2:21-cv-01878-GMN-NJK	Des Williams	Yes
2:21-cv-01888-GMN-NJK	Whittaker	No
2:21-cv-01922-RFB-DJA	Hernandez; A. Flores; Ronald Oliver	Yes
2:21-cv-01924-APG-VCF	T. Johnson; R. Meyers; Morenago	Yes
3:20-cv-00495-MMD-CSD	Jason Rutledge	Yes
3:20-cv-00548-RFB-CSD	Roop; Oliver; Jesus Ruiz	No